

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

DECEMBER 17, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main, Suite 200, Rushville Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Brian Conner and Megan Bradley were not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

MINUTES: Cameron moved to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2019 meeting as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey gave the following report:

1. The roof work at the police department has been completed.
2. The scoring sheets for Indot have been corrected.
3. The foundations are in at the animal shelter.
4. The bidding for the Overlook came in under budget. It is with Beatty Construction.
5. Taff Building – The back end of the building is open. There was some brittle concrete inside. This has been torn out and will be replaced with a slab section of flooring. A section in the front will be replaced for the cooler.
6. Housing – You will now see survey sticks and equipment on 16th Street.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley asked the Department Heads to have final bills turned in by December 23. She asked for 3 Council members to approve the final docket. Bridges, Berkemeier, and Cameron volunteered to review the docket.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Discussed.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Working on the opening acts.
- **APC/BZA** – Nothing.

- **Housing** – Discussed
- **ECDC** – They are currently working on 2 projects and received a phone call on another project.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We are moving forward. Will continue to update.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker reported that Robert Claycomb has been approved.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they are removing snow. They are also repairing barricades.

Animal - Director Cottrell said they received a grant for \$5,000.00 for spay and neuter or vet care. They will also be receiving a cat condo.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said ISO will be here January 28.

Park – Director Burklow reported that they continue working on the CJD Park design.

February 15th they will be having a gala at the Elks from 6-10. They will have a meal, live music, and an auction to raise money for outdoor fitness equipment. The cost is \$40 per person or \$70 per couple.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Light Project** – The only thing left is outstanding easements.
2. **CCMG Update** – We are progressing. Two have been closed out.
3. **Non City Property at Point 44 and Old 44** – We have sent a letter for voluntary annexation if they wish the City to continue services.
4. **2020 Fuel Bid** – Berkemeier moved to approve the fixed rate with Country Mark. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-37 Temporary Loan** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2019-37. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2019-38 Transfer Animal Shelter** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2019-38. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

- **Trash Fee Study** – Continue to work through the process.

NOTES/UPDATES:

- **Permitting** – Nothing.
- **Rushville Flooding Pre-Disaster Grant** – Nothing.

COMMITTEE:

1. **Ordinance 2019-14 Downtown Parking Ordinance Revisions** – We will meet for discussion.
 2. **Ordinance 2019-18 Bidding Requirements (State Statute Based)** – Mason Gordon is working on this.
 3. **Rushview Mobile Home Park Update** – The Board voted to have Jenkins inspect lots 25, 43, 47, 53. We want to make sure they are being updated and repaired.
1. **Insurance** - Kevin Mandrell said we had a very good year. We received a rate hold from this year. The last 2 months showed a significant stop loss. Originally Anthem said we would have an 11% increase due to last 2 months stop loss. We did negotiate to a rate hold. We are looking at the last 2 months claims. We did not have any increase for dental or vision. We were hoping for a decrease on the medical.

Mandrell said he would recommend to maintain the current plans and not change the cost to employees. Bridges made a motion to maintain our policy as it exists today. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Presentation – Mayor Pavey said he would like to acknowledge Council Members Conner, Smith, and Cameron. He thanked them for their service to the community.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: John McCane thanked Council members Conner, Smith, and Cameron for their service.

Council President Smith said he would like to say thanks to all those he has served with. He thanked Mayor Pavey for his leadership. He said he is a better person due to serving with all of you. He said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the community.

Councilman Cameron said the City is in capable hands with the Mayor and incoming Council.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Smith moved to adjourn. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.